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Where is it?



The legislature held up \$25 million from the UC budget pending a report on how UC would deal with campus protests. That report was due around now. So, where is it? Just wondering...

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Not us

The [NY Times](#) carries an article focusing on CalTech's advertising of online programs (for money) that aren't in fact produced by CalTech.* But the same issue was also spotlighted by the state auditor in a report on UC:

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From a June 6, 2024 analysis by the state auditor: *Online courses and programs have become increasingly common in higher education. Many colleges work with third-party vendors known as online program managers (OPMs), which assist in the development and implementation of online programs. OPMs generally provide instruction and support services, such as marketing, recruiting, course development, and technology-related support. In this audit, we examined the University of California's (UC) use of OPMs at five campuses—University of California, Berkeley (UC Berkeley); University of California, Davis (UC Davis); University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA); University of California, San Diego (UC San Diego); and University of California, Santa Barbara (UC Santa Barbara)—and drew the following conclusions:*

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UC Uses OPMs to Teach Students in Some Nondegree Programs but Is Not Always Transparent About Doing So

We identified 51 UC contracts with OPMs that were in effect as of January 1, 2023, none of which involved undergraduate education. Of those contracts, 30 were with the five campuses we selected for further review, and 10 of those 30 related to graduate education. However, these 10 contracts involved support services rather than instruction. Of the 30 contracts we reviewed, 15 related to continuing education, which UC provides through extension units that are associated with campuses but that operate independently. Under the terms of these 15 contracts, OPMs were responsible for providing instruction. However, at the five UC campuses we selected to review, we found that the campuses provided potential students with incomplete or misleading information about the OPMs' involvement in certain extension unit programs. Further, the recruitment materials for one or more programs at each campus may have misled potential students about the industry value of some UC cobranded programs offered in conjunction with OPMs...

Full report at <https://www.auditor.ca.gov/reports/2023-106/>.

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*<https://www.nytimes.com/2024/09/29/us/caltech-simplilearn-class-students.html>.

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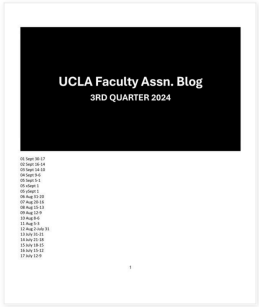
Alternative way to read the blog: 3rd quarter 2024

As in the past, we make this blog available in an alternative pdf format each quarter that can be read in that format or downloaded.

Unfortunately, the book format that we used up through the first quarter of 2024 is no longer available. However, as we did in the second quarter, we still provide pdf files by date range that can be read on screen or downloaded.

The third quarter 2024 files are available at:

<https://archive.org/details/13-july-31-21-2024>.

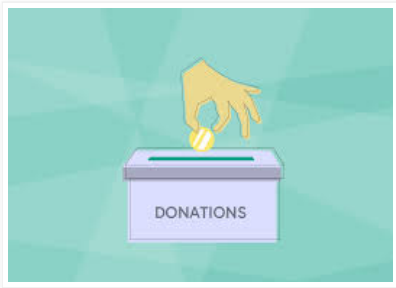


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Thursday, October 3, 2024

Humanities Donation



We like to take note of donations to the university that don't involve bricks and mortar.

From ABC-7: A billionaire Japanese businessman has donated \$31 million to the UCLA College Division of Humanities, making it the largest gift in the program's history. The donation from Tadashi Yanai will support the Yanai Initiative for Globalizing Japanese Humanities, which was created at UCLA - in partnership with Tokyo's Waseda University -- in 2014 thanks to a

\$2.5 million donation from the businessman. Yanai in 2020 donated \$25 million to the initiative. The donation will support the initiative to promote the study of Japanese literature, language and culture.

Yanai, considered one of the richest -- if not the richest -- people in Japan, is the founder and CEO of Fast Retailing, the parent company of the Uniqlo clothing brand...

Full story at <https://abc7.com/post/japanese-billionaire-tadashi-yanai-founder-uniqlo-donates-31-million-ucla/15388642/>.

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UCLA Anderson Forecast



The UCLA Anderson Forecast met yesterday morning to present its Fall economic projections and talk about the issue of adaptation, especially in California, to climate change and such events as wildfires and ocean encroachment.

There is no recession projected for California or the US:

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...(The) employment picture leads to a relatively weak California forecast for 2024 and a slow return to the national unemployment rate. Much of the weakness should resolve by the end of 2025 and ought to lead to higher growth rates through the rest of the three-year forecast, though labor force constraints could be exacerbated by more restrictive immigration policies.

The housing market in California may well be on the cusp of a trend toward normalization. Lower mortgage rates and the passage of time should begin to free up the existing single-family home market. The latest data, from August 2024, reflect a market that is still at depression levels. However, those data are derived from home sales that have been under contract for one or more months. It is likely that November and December 2024 home sales will reflect the new lower mortgage rates.

The California economy is expected to grow faster than the national economy in 2025 and 2026, but not by much. The risks to the forecast are political and geopolitical, and, on the downside, the interest rates could potentially still disrupt the current expansion and, on the upside, international immigration and accelerated onshoring of technical manufacturing could increase growth...







Full story at <https://www.anderson.ucla.edu/news-and-events/press-releases/sub-par-growth-for-california-followed-by-banner-years-for-state-and-us-gdps>.

The fact that there has been no recession suggests that the current state budget semi-crisis is more a matter of prior exuberance by the legislature than a dip in economic activity. If indeed there is a pickup over the next two years, the process of adjustment can more easily occur with some benefits to the UC budget.

You can see the full presentation of the forecast and the climate material at the link below:

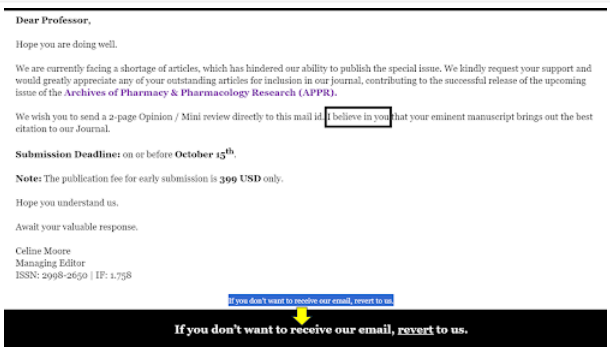


Or direct to <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zSGeay9PYS8>.

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Revert! - Part 2



The Reversion Publishing Company is back with a second offer.* I don't really know much about pharmacology but they believe in me. (I do take my meds, so maybe that counts.) On the other hand, they want "399 USD" for my "eminent manuscript." So I think the eminent is not imminent.

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*For the first offer, see: <https://uclafacultyassociation.blogspot.com/2024/09/revert.html>.

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Wednesday, October 2, 2024

UC-Kern

From [Bakersfield.com](https://www.bakersfield.com): A new law directs the University of California to set up a new medical school branch in Kern County, thanks to a bill authored by Assemblywoman Dr. Jasmeet Bains, D-Delano. Assembly Bill 2357, also known as the "Grow Our Own" bill, was signed into law by

Gov. Gavin Newsom Sunday, creating a new endowment fund to finance the future school and its operations.

"This is dream that's been a long time coming for Kern County," Bains told *The Californian*. "This is an opportunity for our kids to uplift themselves and truly be the leaders in the medical world that the community needs them to be."



The law establishes the University of California Kern County Medical Education Endowment Fund within the State Treasury to "support annual operating costs for the development, operation and maintenance of a branch campus of an existing University of California School of Medicine Kern County." Money in the fund — which can also accept public and private donations — will be invested with the goal of achieving a sufficient balance to support the school...

Full story at https://www.bakersfield.com/news/new-law-directs-uc-to-build-kern-medical-school-branch/article_73b5cd52-7f69-11ef-a5be-63dab12bb3fa.html.

The bill can be found at <https://legiscan.com/CA/text/AB2357/id/2925427>. A target of half a billion dollars is set for the fund.

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